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the number of plague cases and deaths reported in the Bombay Presidency in the foregoing week there must be added, according to a supplemental report, 1,350 cases and 1,039 deaths.

Japan.—In Formosa during the months of September and October, 1903, 7 cases of plague (with 6 deaths) were registered in Taipeh. All places in which rats with plague bacilli were found were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. During the year 1902, of 81,729 rats examined, 730 were found to be infected with plague. During the first half of the year 1903, of 57,366 rats examined, 241 contained plague bacilli.

British South Africa.—In Cape Colony, according to the official bulletins for the period from December 12 to 26, 2 fresh cases of plague were registered in East London.

Brazil.—During the four weeks from November 23 to December 20, 1903, there were registered in Rio de Janeiro (according to statistics published by the local sanitary authorities) 111 fresh cases of plague, with 71 deaths.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to weekly bulletin No. 2, of January 11, relative to cholera in Syria and Mesopotamia, 11 fresh cases of cholera (with 4 deaths) have been registered.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions good—Plague in Formosa—Smallpox reported at Vladivostock.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 15, as follows:

During the week ended January 9, 1904, bills of health were granted 4 vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 465 crew and 460 passengers; 130 steerage passengers were bathed and 186 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

For the period subsequent to December 26, 1903, no official report of the health of Yokohama has been received. There is, however, no reason for believing that the sanitary condition of the city is otherwise than good. No cases of grave quarantinable disease have been reported from any part of Japan except Formosa, where plague still exists. A fatal case of plague was officially reported at the port of Ensui, Formosa, on January 8.

Press reports quote a telegram from the Japanese commercial agent at Vladivostock (Siberia), as stating (under date of January 11) that smallpox is rampant at that port.

In connection with the unsettled condition of affairs now prevailing in the Far East, lessened activity exists in shipping circles. Many of the Japanese liners have been taken off their usual runs.

Immigrants for Honolulu and San Francisco recommended for rejection.

Number of immigrants on steamship *Gaelic* for Honolulu recommended, January 13, 1904, for rejection, 20.

One immigrant on steamship *Gaelic* for San Francisco recommended, January 13, 1904, for rejection.